
Chambers of
THE HONORABLE SAMUEL L. BUFFORD
United States Bankruptcy Judge

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Judge Samuel L. Bufford

DATE: November 16, 2009

RE: Defective Orders



Approximately half of all the orders that are submitted to my chambers have defects in the Proof of Service and/or the Notice of Entered Order that prevents us from using the orders. Because of the requirements of the LOU computer program, these defects are now imposing a substantial burden on both chambers and clerks' office staff. Given the large number of cases being filed and the lack of additional personnel to handle them, we can no longer accommodate these defects.

In consequence, beginning **December 1, 2009**, I shall commence issuing an order to show cause for sanctions for the submission of an order that contains such defect(s).

It is the responsibility of counsel to ensure that their staff are trained to complete these forms correctly. It is also the responsibility of counsel to verify that such documents are correct prior to submission.

Please take notice: If an order is not usable due to a defective proof of service or notice of entered order, this information appears on the docket. Chambers will not accept a telephone call from counsel staff when an order is unused. Please instruct your staff accordingly.